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This is an additional newsletter compiled by Miriam Miller, President Emeritus

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**QUEENSLAND – Kingaroy.** Judith brook.

News from the Kingaroy Rug Group.



Dawn is a Crazy crocheted and brought along her Parliament of

Owls to show us.  
They're all gorgeous and she is putting them on a branch and having it inside her home.

**NEW SOUTH WALES Milton** - Narrawilly proggy Ruggers

A reminder from Janet Walker, Steward in the "Proggy and Hooky Rug" Section of Milton Show. The Show to be held on Friday 1st and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 is the 150<sup>th</sup> Milton Show

Janet would like everyone to make a placemat size 12 in (30cm) by 16 in (40cm) to reflect the theme of the Show, which is 'Celebrating 150 years' There is a logo which you may like to use.

Janet is giving everyone plenty of warning so you can get started now, and have time to complete your placemat. Janet is happy to give advice and help with your design.

A REMINDER. A group photo will be taken on the regular rug day 1<sup>st</sup> June. At 11 am. This is for the 2019 calendar we hope to produce.  
Also on that day Maggie Whyte will be here, to continue the workshop on woven rugs

## NEW SOUTH WALES – Bellingen –Rag Rug Group. Maxine Keyes



Ann's rug finished it is amazing about 2.5 mtrs by 3.5 mtrs ,made from grey blankets the colours are from the stripes in some of the blankets.

Below is something I inherited with a spinning wheel, it has written on a paper at the side 'Pole fleece clamp'. I can only imagine maybe the wool could be clamped on it to card, but I have never seen anything like it before. Anyone have any ideas? Maxine

Jane has completed her first rug about 75cms by 75cms.Made out of fleecy





## NEW SOUTH WALES- Milton – Narrawilly proggy Ruggers.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Maggie Whyte from Canberra, visited our group and continued with the workshop making rugs from sheets. This was also a regular rug day, so there was the usual chatter and friendship.

We were also visited by Marcia Turner. Marcia had been a member until about 10 years ago, and then life got in the way. Marcia is downsizing and has been gifting materials and tools,

Below Maggie and pupil Christine  
Right, Marcia and Jacqui



Left, Christine starting.  
Below, Marcia with some fleece, a  
gift for a spinner.



## ENGLAND – Holy Island - Karen Walker

Hi Miriam



I've been teaching on Holy Island. We have been doing quillies and had a fab time. The sun has shone and it has been very warm, about time too as it has been a long dull wet spring. I've attached a couple of pictures of work the girls have done. Karen



THE FASHION PARADE TO BE HELD FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER WILL BE OUR LAST.  
PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS. ALL WELCOME

It will start as always, at 11am promptly. We are finding it hard to get enough interesting and quirky garments, so have decided this will be the last one. The money raised will go as usual to the charity helping blind and partially sighted people in The Gambia make rugs to earn a living.

Please bring something to share for lunch. Miriam



## VICTORIA. Yarra Valley Rug Group

Today Anne, (28<sup>th</sup> April) Katherine and I (Robyne) took a trip to Loch for our get together in Chris's lovely home near the gorgeous hills of Western Gippsland. It's always a nice drive and this autumn weather was just perfect.

I brought my new [Penny Rug](#) (just cut out) along for advice from the Gals. Who were very helpful. I couldn't see for looking anymore, to make decisions



). We agreed with which background colours to use, so that made me feel better. Feel free to share your thoughts! They both look good, but I'm thinking the plum-brown with the green peeking out from under will suit our bedroom. Both look good I think. We think.

So yes, it's appliqued and you end up with something like 5 layers so it feels lovely under foot. I taught needlework for many years and this was one class. I'd tell them to take off their shoes and walk on it to feel the luxury.

They are quick, really, in our scheme of things in the rug world. I take it on the train and to work so I can stitch on the bits. Very portable until putting it all together.

To the left new member Katherine

## AMERICA – Washington State – Michele Wise



An empty mantle gave me inspiration for my next three hooked characters. I wanted something for Valentine's Day so I drew out a Queen of Hearts. I used a few embellishments and painted her face on wool with a Japanese ink and heat set it. I used some metallic thread in her crown and buttons on her blouse and skirt. Faux shirring is where you take strips of wool and sew them onto the foundation in the middle of the strip. The next strip is attached close to the first strip and sewed in the middle. This method is filling the large area of red on her skirt. I needed a project to teach at camp so I decided to develop Nivens McTwisp, the rabbit from "Alice and Wonderland". He has needle felted ears and tail and I found charms for the watch around the belt. The duo was just joined by a jester cat. I put the cat on an antique leg turned upside down. I love making stuffed projects and I now I have something to fill my mantle.

MICHELE WISE  
Wooletc.com

## NEW SOUTH WALES – Milton – Narrawilly proggy Ruggers

Carol Flynn brought these two proggy rugs completed in the last month



Size 65 X 80 cm.



size 55 X 85 cm

## CONTACTS



### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### MILTON

Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers. Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays every month.

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#### BELLINGEN, North Coast

Bellingen Rag Rug Group

Contact Maxine Keys at email [baznmax@bigpond.com](mailto:baznmax@bigpond.com) Phone 02 6655 0591

Group meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 10am until no set time.

#### BERMAGUI

Bermagui Rug Hookers. Contact Dawn Hollins at email [pigeontree@live.com](mailto:pigeontree@live.com)

### Australian Capital Territory

CANBERRA - Two rug making groups

Canberra Ruggers meet in the Spinners and Weavers and Feltmakers Rooms. at 19/71 MacLaurin Cresnet, Chifley, ACT

One group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month from 1.00pm

Beginners welcome

Contact Maggie Whyte at email [maggieandfish@hotmail.com](mailto:maggieandfish@hotmail.com) Phone 02 6281 0988

Mobile 0488747953

Another Group meet on the second Friday of the month from 10 – 2p.m.

contact Jenny Harber phone 02 6230 2429

### South Australia

#### STRATHALBYN

Strath Matters. Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 10m -1

Meet in The Old Train Carriage, Adjacent to Information Centre and Stationmasters Art Gallery

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### Western Australia

#### WANNAROO

The Wannaroo Rugmakers. Meet every Saturday morning 10am to 1pm at the Library and Cultural Centre in Northern Suburb of Wannaroo. <https://wanneroorugmakers.com>

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**ALBANY** - Anyone interested in Rug Making contact Kira Mead.

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## Queensland

### KINGAROY

Red Earth Ruggers Meeting at 17 Fairview Drive, Kingaroy on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month from 11<sup>th</sup> April Time 9-12  
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### SUNSHINE COAST

The Sunshine Coast Rug Crafters meet twice each month at the Beerwah Library, 25 Peachester Road Beerwah.  
Map info about the library location at <http://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=libraries-map>  
The group meets the Second Friday and the third Tuesday of each month from 2.30 – 5.30p.m.  
New members are always welcome  
Contact Judi Tompkins -- Email [judi.tompkins@bigpond.com](mailto:judi.tompkins@bigpond.com) or skype juditompkins

### Meetings

2nd Monday                      3rd Tuesday

### NORTH TAMBORINE The Happy Hookers North Tambourine

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## Tasmania

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